MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Licking Predestinarian Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

BETHEL CHURCH, NEAR NEW ALBANY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, O.,
ON THE 2D, 3D AND 4TH DAYS OF SEPTEMBER, 1859.

COLUMBUS:
NEVINS' STEAM PRINTING HOUSE, NORTH HIGH STREET.
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FRIDAY, Sept. 2d, 1859.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with the Bethel Church.

Introductory sermon by Elder Matthew Brown—2 Cor., x. chap., 3, 4, 5 vs.; when the letters from the several churches composing this Association were called for by the former Moderator, read, and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF MEETING.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Funds
Monroe, Licking County..	E. Ashbrook, M. M. Hoover, S. F. Kasson.	Eli Ashbrook, 4th Lord's Day.	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	$3 05
Hartford, Dela- County.....	J. W. Biggs, I. Meredeth. G. Clark.	J. W. Biggs, 1st Lord's Day.	1	..	..	1	..	1	18	2 95
Harmony, Lick ing County..	Martin Beaver, E. Richards, Dea. Wright.	Martin Beaver, 3d Lord's Day.	1	1	..	..	..	..	14	3 68
Brushy Fork, Licking Co..	Dissolved.									
Bethel, Frank lin County...	A. W. Taylor, J. P. Taylor.	A. W. Taylor, 1st Lord's Day.	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1 50
Salem, Delaw're County.	M. Beaver, Wm. Gates, John Evans.	Martin Beaver, 2d Lord's Day.	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	1 30
Lost Run, Licking County..	John Prichard.	John Prichard, 1st Lord's Day.	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	2 58
Columbus, Franklin Co..	T. Peters.	T. Peters, 3d Lord's Day.	1	..	..	1	..	..	12	1 32

1st. After a short intermission, praise and prayer, and a call of the Messengers' names, the Association elected officers, viz: JOHN PRICHARD, *Moderator*; and *J. P. Taylor*, Clerk.

2d. Articles of Faith and rules of Decorum read.

3d. Ministering Brethren invited to seats in council with us.

4th. Invitation given to sister churches, now present, to unite with us.

5th. Voted to receive the report of committee sent to visit Marlborough Church. After reading the minutes of committee, the following minority report was adopted:

We, the committee appointed to visit the Marlborough Church, report as follows: We find said Church to be sociable, steadfast, and friendly; but do not recommend it to be received into this Association at this time.

6th. Voted the second named Messenger, in each letter, be a committee to fill the stand during the Association. The same committee to present a bill of arrangements on to-morrow.

7th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, *September* 3, 1859.

8th. Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer, and a call of Messengers' names.

9th. Correspondence called for, as follows:

First—Scioto, Elder Stith and minutes.

Second—Muskingum, Elder Brown.

Third—Sandusky, Elder Fry and minutes.

Fourth—Owl Creek, Elder Main and minutes.

Fifth—Walhonding, Geo. D. Miller and minutes.

10th. Read and adopted the circular and corresponding letter, and ordered the same to be printed in our minutes.

11th. Filled the correspondence to sister Associations, as follows:

First—Scioto, Elder Eli Ashbrook.

Second—Muskingum, Elder John Prichard.

Third—Sandusky, Elder John Prichard.

Fourth—Owl Creek—

Moved and seconded to drop correspondence. Carried.

12th. Moved to rescind the former vote to drop correspondence, and reconsider the same until next year. Carried.

Appointed Tunis Peters and Eli Ashbrook Messengers; instructed to ask the reason for holding excluded members in fellowship.

Fifth—Walhonding, Elder J. W. Biggs.

13th. Appointed Elder Prichard to write the circular and corresponding letter for next year.

14th. Voted the next Association be held with Salem Church, 4 miles west of Johnstown, Friday before the 2d Lord's day, in September next.

15th. Voted the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

16th. Appointed brethren Hoover, Gates and Meredeth, committee on funds; and reported $7 27 for minutes, and the rest for correspondence.

17th. Adjourned by praise and prayer.

Appointed a visitation meeting with Monroe, 4th Lord's day, in October next—Elders Main and Taylor.

PREACHING FROM THE STAND.

Friday—Elder Stith; John, 14th ch., 18th and 19th v. Elder Main; Job, xix; 3, 4, 5.

Saturday—Brother Kagy; text not obtained. Elder Coffman; Rom. 1st ch., 16th v. Elder Frey; 1 Cor., 2d ch., 14th v. Brother Vanhorn; Math., 1st ch., 21st v.

Lord's Day—Elder Ashbrook; Heb., 9th ch., 27th and 28th v. Elder Brown; Rev., 21st ch., 6th and 7th v. Elder Stith; Eph., 2d ch., 19th and 22d v. inclusive.

CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Licking Predestinarian Baptist Association, in session with the Bethel Church, Franklin Co., Ohio, to the churches of her body and association in correspondence:

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD—God in Christ, who is the great Shepherd of Israel—supplying our needs—hath, in the dispensation of his providence and grace, enabled us again to participate, in a good degree, in some of the many benefits of Christian correspondence. No subject is of more interest than "Christian fellowship," and a close adherence to the "Book of God," as the man of our counsel, for in them, (the Scriptures,) the Savior says, "ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Now the blessings arising from Christian love and fellowship, together with a close adherence to, and walk with, the Scriptures, are many and great.

The Apostle saith, "let each one esteem his brethren better than himself," in the exercise of which we manifest, not only to our brethren, but to the world, that we possess a pure and heavenly principle which carries convincing evidence of the reality of our profession; for, says the sacred Word, "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love to one another; for love worketh no ill to his neighbor, but

is a manifestation of our being born of God, for we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. So then love is of God." Having this decisive witness, and enjoying the fellowship of the children of God, then it is that Zion appears, and moves on in the strength and majesty of an army with banners. In this exercise, Zion can resist the waves of the flood of errors which her foes are daily arraying against the foundation of the apostles and prophets—Jesus Christ *himself* being the chief corner stone.

When we have this faith in exercise, rooted and grounded in love, we strengthen each other's hands in the Christian warfare—soothing, comforting, and administering consolation to the wounded hearts of the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Love to God and to one another strengthens and supports the disconsolate hearts of the ministry, in their labors of love among you. It affords peace and happiness at home, and commands respect abroad. These are some of the advantages arising from having fellowship one for another, together with many more which cannot well be noticed in a short address. Only remember to strengthen each other by cultivating this fellowship with one another.

Now, brethren, we will mention the effects of an opposite spirit, referred to by the apostle, who says, "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed by one another"; for where this is, you will find brethren falling out with each other; disputations and contentions, saying all manner of evil of each other, out of which grow divisions of churches and associations, giving room for the enemy to say we are not Christians. For to be Christian is to be Christ-like; and He was meek and lowly—when persecuted, he reviled not. Now, if not possessed of the spirit of Christ, we are none of his. Therefore, brethren, let us attend to the advice of the Apostle—let each esteem others better than themselves,

striving to be a pattern in all good works; remembering "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," for what? why, "that the *man of God* may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all *good works*." 2 Tim., iii, 16, 17.

Now to the churches and ministers, guard well the borders of Zion, remembering that nothing else but a full, complete salvation, finished, in all respects with a crucified, risen and ever-living Savior, will fill the great commission of our blessed Lord and Master, fully and freely conferred, independent of efforts, without money and without price. Make God's Book your standard. Mark such as are contentious and busy-bodies about other men's matters, for they are enemies to the cross of Christ.

Finally, brethren, farewell. The God of peace, who is able to keep you from falling, preserve you in love, peace and fellowship, is the prayer of yours, in gospel bonds.

Our minutes will inform you of ourselves, and having been refreshed by your messengers, we desire a continuance of your correspondence. Farewell.

JOHN PRICHARD, *Moderator.*

J. P. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*